of UN and the World Bank. As part of this, US$ 5 million has been remitted to the two Trust Funds. The balance amount is to be remitted within the current year.

Visit of Myanmar's Head of State to India

741. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gen. Than Shwe, Myanmar's Head of State has recently visited our country and held discussion;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion;

(c) whether any agreement had been signed with that country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During his visit, Senior General Than Shwe held wide-ranging talks with the Hon'ble Prime Minister on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest and concern. The areas of discussion included economic development of the India-Myanmar border region through cooperation in various infrastructure projects; measures for enhancing bilateral trade; increasing people-to-people contacts through cultural and educational exchanges; cooperation in the field of non-traditional security issues and energy sector.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Three Agreements were signed during the visit, namely (i) Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the field of Non-Traditional Security Issues; (ii) Memorandum of Understanding on the Tamanthi Hydroelectric Power Project in Myanmar; and (iii) Cultural Exchange Programme for the period 2004-06.

Policy to deal with hostage crisis

742. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not evolved any official policy on how to deal with the hostage situations despite the fact that a